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Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
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Dear Tom:

Several weeks ago I mentioned to Secretary Schlesinger my concern that CIA and the military services might separately reduce their special operations capabilities to the

purposes and I know that each of the individual services is in a similar position. It occurs to me that it might be useful to take a joint look at our collective special operations (or unconventional warfare) capabilities to identify areas which might need improvement or where redundancies may still exist. I am particularly interested in air and materiel support, personnel and training, and research and development. Subject to your concurrence, I propose a three or four day seminar be held to review existing capabilities against a range of possible requirements. I would envisage a relatively small group with no more than two representatives from the CIA, each of the services and probably of DOCSA. If you agree with this approach I will

Sincerely,

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